

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Not only is Sinclair at the corporate level engaging in direct electioneering through their dominance of the media they are in a position to force local media to do likewise. Their unethical and probably illegal actions become all pervasive.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.